(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) In accordance with Section 13(1) of NREG Act 2005, the Panchayats at district, intermediate and village level are the principal authorities for planning and implementation of the Schemes made under the Act. Village Panchayats have been assigned a pivotal role in the implementation process. They are responsible for planning of works, registering households, issuing job cards, allocating employment, executing 50% of the works and monitoring the implementation of the scheme at the village level.

(c) Does not arise.

Payment due under SGRY

†2381. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 70.40 crore has not been paid to workers due to reduction in original allotment of 1,48,158 metric tonnes of wheat by Government under Sampurna Grameen Rojgar Yojana, during the year 2005;

(b) the reasons for not releasing the said amount, so far; and

(c) by when the said amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) In 2005-2006, due to limited availability of foodgrains, the allocation of foodgrains was restricted to 37.30 lakh MT as against the original allocation of 50 lakh MT under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY). The States/UTs were instructed to provide 3 kg. as against 5 kg per manday as part of wages to workers with effect from 1.11.2005 to 31.3.2006. The reduced norms from 5 kg to 3 kg per manday is applicable in 2006-2007 also. The States/UTs have been instructed to ensure timely payment of wages to workers under SGRY. As per instructions issued by this Ministry, in case of non-availability/inadequate availability of foodgrains, wages can be paid in cash.

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